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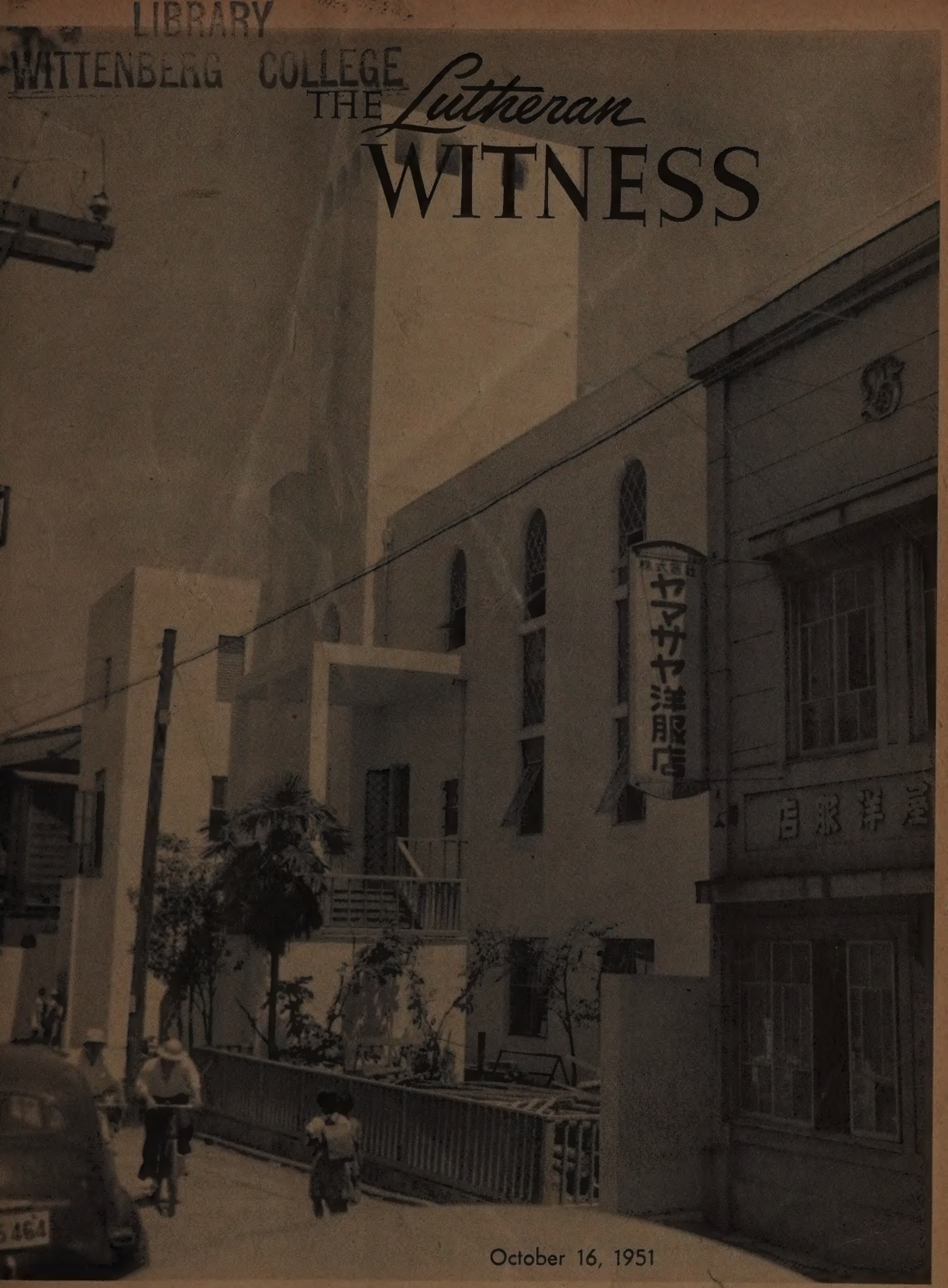

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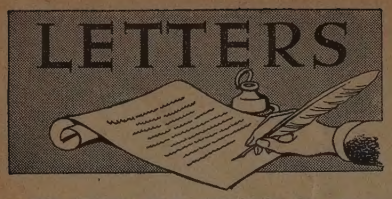

This column offers opportunity for expressions on matters of interest to our readers. Letters must be signed, although names will be withheld by the Editors upon request.

The opinions expressed by readers are not necessarily those of the Editors.

OUR'S A FRIENDLY CHURCH?

DEAR EDITORS:

Have you ever heard of the Frigid Air Lutheran Church? No, this is not a new Lutheran church, but one which goes way back in history, having for centuries coexisted with the many friendly Lutheran churches.

I am acquainted with one of these churches where no stranger or visitor is greeted with a friendly word of welcome, and that is why I re-name it "The Frigid Air Lutheran Church." However, I fear that this name, style, and title is applicable to many Lutheran churches where no officer or member is on hand to greet and welcome the stranger as he enters the house of God. It often happens too that members of the same congregation meet in church with extreme coolness. How different their conduct ought to be toward their fellow members and, especially, toward strangers and visitors.

It is a fact that due to a friendly word which someone had spoken to them on their first visit to a certain church, many strangers were induced to call again and later became members of that church.

Is ours a friendly church, or are our members cold and indifferent toward the stranger within our gates? Instead of a strange, frigid air, let us see to it that a friendly Christian atmosphere pervades our churches. "Be ye kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10). "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous" (1 Peter 3:8).

Pittsburgh, Pa. H. K. DIETRICH

IN DEFENSE OF FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

DEAR EDITORS:

It is unfortunate that institutions, organizations, and groups are condemned as a whole for the faults of their individual members. It's like the old "All churches are full of hypocrites."

In recent issues of the LUTHERAN WITNESS there have been several letters denouncing sororities and fraternities. In answer to one in particular, written by a "Pastor's Wife" recommending a must movie, "Take Care of My Little Girl," I wish you would publish the following editorial titled "Take Care" from the *Palm*, official journal of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity:

"A new and widely publicized movie, 'Take Care of My Little Girl,' is based on the alleged evils of the college sorority system. As such, it must be considered an indirect attack on fraternities. We regard it not so much of a menace, as a warning. All groups that require selective membership may be exposed to subtle propaganda of this type. It behooves every chapter of Alpha Tau to re-examine its standards and objectives."

You may also be interested in the description on the other side of that page, which tells how "Hell Week" has been changed by this fraternity to "Help Week."

The point is that everything connected with sororities and fraternities is not necessarily bad. When members of a particular fraternity paint and redecorate a crippled widow's home as a "Help Week" project, it is certainly not unchristian.

Tulsa, Okla. PAUL L. WEINMAN

DEAR EDITORS:

As a member of a national sorority, I am puzzled at the condemnation of all social fraternities. One letter went so far as to imply that those of us Lutheran students who are affiliated with fraternities had inadequate Christian home training. On what grounds does that sweeping statement stand?

First and foremost, I consider sororities and fraternities as inevitable, in that students in large colleges and universities need a small group in which they can exert an influence. The college class is far too large to function as a unit. It has been proved on some campuses where fraternities have been outlawed that a much more harmful caste system may be set up. The caste system can be more ruthless because it has no national council to control its activities. Yes, we have national officers who demand that certain standards be kept.

Fraternities and sororities vary from campus to campus. It is probably true that at some colleges they do assume too much importance. At the Ohio college I attended, conditions were quite different from those in "Take Care of My Little Girl." Perhaps readers of the LUTHERAN WITNESS do not realize that social fraternities encourage scholastic endeavor and contribute to many charitable organizations. They are opposed to barriers between members and non-members. In fact, the friendship barriers are magnified by the non-Greeks. The circle of friends built by membership in one of these social fraternities is another contribution to the individual members.

My group has never come between me and my church. In my opinion there is a vast difference in the character of fraternities and secret lodges. I agree that the latter are not advisable groups to join because of their religious teachings contrary to the Bible. . . .

I am aware that Synod is opposed to secret societies, but have never heard it mention specifically social fraternities. There are thousands of other Lutherans like me who consider themselves Christians and yet are members of these groups. Are we to consider ourselves as transgressors of some unwritten law? Unless I find some Scriptural proof to the contrary, I shall continue being a sorority member with no qualms to my conscience. CORR.

POSTSCRIPT TO LODGE ARTICLE

DEAR EDITORS:

Soon after the articles "To Join or Not to Join" appeared in the WITNESS (July 1 and 24), the undersigned received the following note from Rev. W. A. Karvonen, secretary of the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church of America: "Our church body does not favor membership in secret fraternal organizations."

Our records indicate that Synod's Commission on Fraternal Organizations now has on file official commitments *re* lodges made by each of the Lutheran groups in the United States. May I also take this opportunity to thank readers of the WITNESS who responded to the above article and in most instances included exceedingly helpful information.

PAUL M. BRETSCHER, *Chairman*
Commission on Fraternal Organizations
St. Louis, Mo.

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THE COVER PICTURE

presents a view of the $70,000 Lutheran Youth Center located near the heart of Tokyo, Japan, and dedicated on Sunday, September 9, Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann delivering the address. Gamma Delta donated in excess of $5,000 for equipment and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League contributed over half of the purchase price of the building.

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Strong Organizations Wanted

By the REV. RUPERT H. SCHROEDER

Mount Calvary, Cleveland, Ohio

Relevant Questions

s it not true that churches are the only religious organizations of di-ne origin? Do organizations *within* urches consume time, energy, and nds which ought for this reason be evoted to the churches themselves? o church *groups* tend to lose sight the quite praiseworthy objectives r which they may have been formed, nd do they soon begin laying their ief emphasis upon perpetuating and omoting themselves? Are organiza-ons within the churches parasites on the churches? Are such groups nvenient ports of entry for the germs hich produce strife, impurity, envy, nd slanderous gossip? These and her similar questions merit answers ased upon more than the usual snap dgment. The whole subject of or-anizations within churches deserves areful consideration in the light of the ord of God.

A Body Having Members

Scripture likens the Church to a ody of which Christ Himself is the ead (Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18). St. Paul oints out that this body has many embers and that they vary in appear-nce, ability, and function (1 Cor. 12: -27). Church members, though all of em parts forming the one body of hrist, must for that very reason differ om each other. "For the body," writes t. Paul, "is not one member, but any. If the foot shall say, 'Because am not the hand, I am not of the ody,' is it therefore not of the body? nd if the ear shall say, 'Because I am ot the eye, I am not of the body,' is therefore not of the body? If the hole body were an eye, where were e hearing? If the whole were hear-g, where were the smelling?" Ac-ordingly, what makes a church an rganism capable of life is the fact that s members, though differing in age, ex, health, intelligence, and often also education, occupation, income racket, or social position, are never-heless knit together by Christian faith nd love into a compact and well-ounded unit.

Active Because Alive

Each and every member in Christ's ody functions in its own proper here and manner for the benefit of e entire body. In Christ's body, the hurch, there is and can be no such ing as an eye which would refuse look for a splinter lodged in a pain-lly throbbing finger, or a hand which would not convey food to a hungry mouth, or legs which become suddenly paralyzed when carrying the body through heavy traffic. Members of our bodies may, indeed, fail us in this manner, because death, the consequence of sin, constantly attacks them. But Christ's body, the Church, has no inactive members. Through faith in Him every member is born anew and is thenceforth *activated* by the Holy Spirit. Members which do nothing for Christ's body are cut out or off. God Himself performs the surgery. (John 15:1-2.)

When a Jailer Became a Member

After falling on his knees before Paul and Silas, the jailer at Philippi, all atremble, cried, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Immediately the Gospel, the power of God unto salvation, was brought to bear upon his despairing soul. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved!" The jailer did believe and was saved. Then and there he became a member of Christ's body. As such he at once began to move, to act, to do something for other members of the body with which he had become connected. He did not cease being a jailer, but he immediately became a Christian jailer. He used his authority as jailer to bring Paul and Silas out of the dungeon and into his own living quarters. He washed their wounds, and he set food before them.

We May Not Be Jailers, But —

What is more natural for a carpenter, for instance, when he becomes a member of Christ's body, than to use his skill in repairing and improving the building which houses that body? When a housewife becomes a member, what can be more logical than wishing to be of help to her church by cooking, baking, sewing, or by some other service for which she is particularly gifted? Is it not a foregone conclusion that a schoolteacher, when she becomes a member, will gladly accord the church's Sunday school the benefit of her special training and ability? When a banker becomes a member, will he not desire to render active assistance to the church in her financial problems? When a high school pupil becomes a member, will he not want to build up Christ's body by adding some of his unchurched schoolmates to it? When a singer becomes a member, won't he wish to add his voice to the church's choir? This list of diversified abilities and their uses could be made very much longer. This must suffice, for it is too saddening to reflect on how much strength in Christ's body lies dormant because so many members want to be mouths, or eyes, or ears only, whereas the body needs them to function as hands or feet.

Natural to Organize

The remark "I'd like to undertake this project for my church, but I can't do it alone," sometimes calls forth the response, "Well, why don't we get a group together and see that it gets done?" When that question is acted upon with sufficient determination and energy, an organization within the church results. And what can be wrong with that? The member has discovered that he is a finger in Christ's body. He feels an itch to take hold of a certain piece of work which promises to be useful to the entire body. But he finds that he cannot handle the task alone. He looks about and sees that there are other fingers and asks them to join him, thus forming a hand. Unwise? Dangerous? No, splendid! A hand can do more than five separate fingers, also for the body of Christ.

"Organization Disease"

There is such a malady, and it can occasionally result in serious complications for the body of Christ. The cause of the ailment, however, must never be sought in the mere existence of organizations, even though a given church may have many of them. If a man's arm is arthritic, the cause of his affliction is not the arm, but the arthritis in it. Just so in every case of "organization disease" the area of inflammation undoubtedly is the membership of the group. But the source of infection unquestionably is a faulty conception of the sole purpose of any church organization, namely, service to the church itself. If that objective is kept in mind, then the stronger the organization is and the more activity it shows, the greater will be its value to the church. For no group bent upon helping the church will endeavor to do so by compromising the church's principles, or by undermining its authority, or by engaging in duplication of effort and unfriendly competition with other groups working for the same church.

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Petition

In my humble way
Every passing day
Let me serve Thee, Lord.

May my office be
Glorifying Thee;
Let me serve Thee, Lord.

HILDA JOHNS

VALPARAISO INSTITUTES

By MEL DOERING

"The Church is America's most segregated institution," Dr. Alvin W. Rose, Negro professor of sociology at North Carolina College, told the Race Relations Institute at Valparaiso University in July. He was quoted in *Time* magazine.

"After 15 years of church work in Nigeria, 23,237 people belong to the Lutheran Church, while only 16,579 Negroes in America are members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod after a century's work," pointed out Dr. Richard R. Caemmerer, professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

What is a Lutheran Christian to do in this area?

"Members of the Lutheran Church own and control most of the grade A soil of the United States." Authority for this statement was R. H. Musser, regional director of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, speaking at the Rural Life Institute at Valparaiso University.

What should a Lutheran Christian do in this troubled area of American life?

"We are not competing with the public schools," declared Sam Roth, superintendent of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod elementary schools in Michigan, at the Public Relations Institute on the campus of Valparaiso University. "A healthy public school system is conducive to the welfare of church schools."

What attitudes shall a Lutheran Christian take in this area?

Prominent Lutheran scholars, clergymen and laymen, among a total attendance of 750, gathered at Valparaiso University throughout the summer in a series of institutes to attempt to guide the thinking on these and other pressing problems of contemporary life.

Eleven institutes, a new high, were conducted this year in the annual summer series under Prof. Victor F. Hoffmann, Jr., newly appointed director of institutes. In chronological order from June 1 to August 30, they were: Law, Liturgics, Labor-Management, Deaconess, Church Music Seminar, Church and Modern Culture, Public Relations, Rural Life, Race Relations, Social Work, Church Music Workshop.

These areas were selected because they are believed to present the most important questions of modern times. Others may be added or substituted from year to year. The oldest among the institutes were being conducted for the seventh consecutive year.

This program of institutes, welcomed and sponsored by Valparaiso University, is an expression of the University's consciousness of its position and significance in the educational world. The University maintains a high sense of obligation to the constituency which it serves and to whom it owes its very existence. The institute program is one way in which it hopes to pay its debt of gratitude.

An educational program which asks people to function contemporaneously both in this world and in the world to come outlaws spiritual and intellectual mediocrity. The Church and the world need the best.

Today, with the advent of professional "do-gooders" in great numbers, it has become increasingly difficult for the Christian to give evidence of his faith. Granted the proper motivation, he must still choose among several moral principles in any given situation. He must choose the best.

To help clarify confused and hesitant thinking, to create new avenues of thought and activity for the scholar and the layman, to win friends for the truth and the truths that make men free, to articulate the Christian message in all walks of life — with these purposes in mind the institutes are held.

Each year the number of institutes has grown. Each year the attendance at the institutes has grown. Each year the recognition given to the institutes has grown. By its institutes, Valparaiso University feels that it is on its way to becoming "the salt of the earth."

A university, and especially Valparaiso University, today cannot function only as an ivory tower. "It must also exercise an immediate and definite impact upon the world as it is now being lived beyond the walls of the campus," says Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president of the Lutheran University.

The list of speakers at this year's institutes reads like a couple of pages from a publication of Who's Who in the Lutheran Church. Some strange but stimulating, challenging, thought-provoking names also appeared. Here is a partial list:

Chaplain (Col.) Arthur Carl Piepkorn, president, Chaplain Board, Department of the Army; Dr. John G. Kunstmann, professor of German, University of Chicago; Dr. O. A. Piper, professor of New Testament literature and exegesis, Princeton Theological Seminary; Dr. Harold J. Grimm, professor of history, Ohio State University; Dr. Carl S. Mundinger, president, St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.; Dr. Donald E. Wray, professor of sociology, University of Illinois; Dr. William F. Arndt, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Dr. Henry F. Wind, president, Associated Lutheran Charities; E. Buckley Glabe, executive secretary, Lutheran Children's Friend Society and Social Service of Minnesota; Theodore Hoelty-Nickel, music department head, Valparaiso University; Dr. Alfred P. Haake, mayor, Park Ridge, Ill.; Dr. D. Bruce Young, mayor, Shelby, Ohio; Paul Bunjes, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.; Dr. Ernest Koenker, professor of religion, Valparaiso University; Dr. Calvin Schnucker, Theological Seminary of Dubuque University; Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel, professor of music, Valparaiso University; W. J. Stelling, pastor, Freistatt, Mo.; Andrew Schulze, pastor of Negro Lutheran congregations for many years; Dr. Adolph Wismar, professor of religion, Valparaiso University; Dr. Walter E. Bauer, dean of the faculty, Valparaiso University; Alfred P. Klausler, managing editor, *Walther League Messenger for Youth;* John Strietelmeier, managing editor, *The Cresset;* Frank R. Neu, "crusadingest" country newspaper editor in America, Glenwood City, Wis.; Dr. John W. Morland, dean of law, Valparaiso University; and James Savage, professor of law, Valparaiso University.

These and many other leading Christian thinkers in the areas of dis-

At Valparaiso Institute

Mission executives from various Districts of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod attended the second annual Valparaiso Institute on Race Relations July 30—31. Left to right: The Revs. A. Semmann, senior chaplain of Northern Illinois District, George C. Albers, Executive Secretary Central Illinois District, Theodore F. Walther, chairman of the Missionary Board of Synodical Conference, Martin C. Schaefer, Director of Missions for the Western District; Dr. Alvin W. Rose, head of sociology department at North Carolina College, who addressed the Institute on "Emerging Patterns in Race Relations"; Dr. R. R. Caemmerer of Concordia Seminary, who spoke on "The Christian Directive in Race Relations"; the Rev. R. P. Young, Secretary of Missions in Iowa District East; and the Rev. Wm. A. Drews, Executive Secretary of the Eastern District

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

ussion were drawn to the Valparaiso ampus for one or more of the summer nstitutes.

Another speaker was Brendan Sexon, educational bureau director for he United Automobile Workers (CIO), ubstituting for Walter Reuther, JAW-CIO president, who was called o Washington just before the Labor-Management Institute in June.

Another speaker was Dr. Conrad A. Bergendoff, president of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., who told the nstitute on the Church and Modern Culture: "There can really be no ividing line between Christian faith nd Christian culture."

"It is the Christian's duty," he dded, "to let his light shine so that he surrounding darkness will be hanged. He does what the love of Christ drives him to do in regard to is neighbor."

Most general in scope, and therefore robably most important, was the nstitute on the Church and Modern Culture sponsored jointly by the Lueran Academy for Scholarship and Valparaiso University.

It was partially financed by the Committee on Allocation of Funds for cholarly Research of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Other coperating agencies were the Student ervice Commission of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and the utheran Collegiate Association.

Co-chairmen of the Church and Modern Culture Institute were Dr. Martin H. Scharlemann, president Lutheran Academy for Scholarship, and Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president Valparaiso University.

Its purpose was inquiry. The institute was interested in establishing the fact or the absence of the fact, the possibility or the impossibility, the desirability or the undesirability of a connection between Lutheranism and modern culture.

It asked its eminent speakers: "Is Lutheranism a cultural force? Has it been one? Is it one in America? Should it be one? How can it become one?"

It studied the areas of education, arts and literature, government and society, welfare work, and the science of theology.

All other institutes went into greater detail in working out methods of applying Christian practice to specific fields of activity. Like the spokes of a great wheel, they found direction and purpose in the hub which was the first Institute on the Church and Modern Culture.

The proceedings of each of the institutes are now being published. Copies will soon be available for one dollar each.

Valparaiso University, having concluded a successful and, it hopes, profitable summer of institutes, looks forward to the 1952 summer series of institutes with a great deal of optimism toward the accomplishments which they may achieve.

SYNODICAL SUNDAY

"A Blessing Is in It" . . . Is. 65:8

By J. E. HERRMANN

Stewardship Secretary of Synod

Synodical Sunday occupies a special place on the calendar of many of ur congregations. It is here to stay. The congregations of Synod some years go voluntarily placed this day on their alendar by a synodical resolution. They designated the first Sunday in November as a Synod-wide rally day.

There is a blessing in the Christian bservance of Synodical Sunday. While ynod is a human institution, its purose is wrapped up in Christ and the urtherance of His precious Gospel nessage among men.

What would happen to your congreation if it were not intimately assoiated with other truly Christian conregations in a Christian church body uch as Synod? Church history proves hat congregations which try to "go it lone" usually do not make a "go" f it. The very nature of their faith causes Christians to seek the fellowship and help of others. This was true of the early Church. It is just as true today.

A recent survey made by Drew Theological Seminary demonstrates that congregations which live and work in isolation do not live or work very long. Why? They lack qualified pastors, good Christian literature, proper supervision and guidance, and missionary zeal; they keenly sense the feeling of not belonging anywhere. In time they become self-centered, lack vision, and find it difficult to maintain their confessional standard.

Too many of our people are inclined to take Synod for granted. The blessings they receive from their synodical fellowship are little appreciated. As a result they do little to maintain and foster the Kingdom program of Synod. This is not intentional on their part. They do not know the purpose of Synod and therefore do not appreciate what Synod does for them and for others.

In order to serve these, and at the same time encourage those who are already interested in the Christ-centered program of our church body, Synodical Sunday comes as a distinct blessing. The sermons preached on that day will serve

1. To remind our people of the great blessings God has showered upon them through their membership in Synod. "I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us." Is. 63:7.

2. To encourage our congregations to safeguard their Gospel heritage and cultivate the unity of the Spirit in the bond of faith.

3. To give occasion for our people to rejoice over the great things Christ privileges us to do together in bringing the Gospel to so many at home and abroad. "My people . . . shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain . . . for they are the . . . blessed of the Lord. . . ." Is. 65:22-23.

4. To express our gratitude to God for past blessings and ask Him to continue to bless all we undertake in Jesus' name and for His sake. We are among those who are privileged to be His instruments in the work of the Kingdom. "We are the clay and Thou our Potter." Is. 64:8.

5. To enumerate the great spiritual and material blessings which are ours to use in His service. *Our assets are tremendous.* Under God we can do much greater things for a world that is dying. But what of the odds against us? "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." Is. 54:17.

6. To give *all* of our people an opportunity to serve God and His cause not only with the sacrifices of grateful hearts and lips, but also with the liberal sacrifices of their hands. What the Lord calls for we cannot afford to keep. Your Church is not only worthy of your support, it *needs* your support.

"Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her." Is. 66:10. That is the underlying theme for Synodical Sunday. What an inviting call to worship! Join your brothers and sisters in Christ all over Synod on November 4, and make it a day that will long be remembered.

"There is a blessing in it" — for *you!*

Deaconess Service Offers Glorious Adventures

By ARNOLD F. KRENTZ, M. S.

Three vibrant Lutheran young women expressed themselves in these ways: "I want to make my life worth while." "I am anxious to work for the Church and God." "I see the world's need of the Gospel, and I desire to do my share."

Small wonder that these fine young women became deaconesses. They have vision, insight, and genuine love for people.

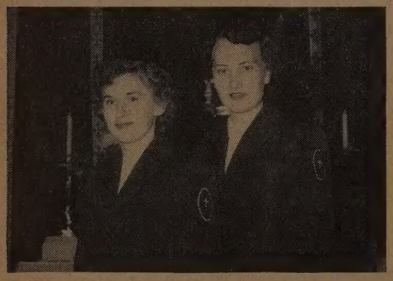
Ventures That Became Adventures

A high school pupil wrote: "I should like to do mission work in Japan." The Holy Spirit had warmed her heart for witnessing of Christ unto the uttermost part of the earth. On August 1, Deaconess Marian Epp sailed for Japan, the first deaconess of our Church to serve in this fruitful mission field.

Another is a nurse with an infectious smile that radiates Christian optimism. Her focus was to serve the heathen in China. She is Deaconess Martha Boss, who recently instructed eight Chinese in the Christian religion in a Hong Kong funeral home.

Finding that public school work did not bring her satisfaction, Deaconess Erna Bartsch today is a mission teacher among the Indians in Peridot, Ariz. The bright eyes of her pupils or an Apache's confession that "I am thankful that my Lord Jesus helped me to find the true way," are reward enough for her.

Once as an active Walther Leaguer, a certain young lady wanted to render personal service in the Kingdom. Now, and for twenty-six years, Deaconess Frieda Bremermann has labored in the blighted areas of Chicago, the result of which work marks the difference between an Al Capone and a Babe Ruth. A girl from out of State was to become an unwed mother. Ashamed to write her mother or pastor, she planned to commit suicide. But no. Miss Bremermann understandingly put her hand on the shoulder of this misled girl, told her that Jesus loves sinners like herself. The girl found release in Jesus' wounds.



Deaconesses Grace Pomerenke and Lois Roepke, Who Serve in Bethany and Gethsemane Parishes, Buffalo, New York

Laboring with Me in the Gospel

Miss Clara Strehlow resolved to become a parish deaconess so that she might assist some pastor. On duty in St. Louis, she heads a Vacation Bible School, visits the sick, makes mission calls, looks up prospects for the Sunday school. To have brought twenty-five children to Baptism several years in succession is her greatest happiness.

Deaconess Clara Strehlow Bringing Children to Holy Baptism at Grace Church, St. Louis, Mo.

The parish is a rapidly expanding field and one of great variety for the deaconess. She may counsel the Walther League, do welfare work, teach the first-year confirmation class or released-time classes, keep records for the pastor, help with the Sunday school teacher training program. Writes a parish worker: "My reward is the thought that I may be somewhat instrumental in the saving of souls for Christ."

Blessed Are the Merciful

The helpless in our world need a helping hand toward victory over suffering.

Take child welfare. It may not seem like an epoch-making event for a deaconess to lead a group of children in recreation. Yet such a service is a part of building personalities. Boys and girls are being brought to personal happiness in Christ.

Enter the beautiful Institute for the Deaf in Detroit. See the housemothers, Deaconesses Esther Matz and Marie Bliefnick, enter the dining hall with their groups of children. Watch them as they pray with the children in the dormitories at night. So satisfying, to help these deaf children.

Or enter Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis., and observe the matron, Deaconess Christine Seckel, as she patiently listens to the simple request of a feeble-minded child. Recently we made the remark to a member of the staff: "I certainly am happy that you now have a psychiatrist serving here." One of the mentally retarded women asked me: "What is a psychiatrist?" I answered: "A doctor who helps you think." Came the reply: "But I can't think. I can't make my own living." That is why the principle "Be ye merciful" is made functional by our deaconesses at Bethesda.

Step into the Home for Aged Lutherans, Wauwatosa, Wis. Behold here a touching drama as Deaconess Anna Schrader spoon-feeds a 100-year-old lady. A deaconess who is the matron of a home for the aged is a dietitian, recreational leader, counselor, spiritual guide, and nurse, all in one.

The above life situations are but a few of the varied services our corps of deaconesses renders today in missions, parishes, and mercy institutions.

More, many more deaconesses are needed who are willing to spend themselves and be spent for Christ. The Lutheran Church of the twentieth century sorely needs the services of professionally trained deaconesses. Fortunately, there is a growing line of alert young women answering the plea of the Church for more deaconesses.

If the deaconess movement within our circles is to expand, as it rightly merits, it is obvious that the Lutheran Deaconess Association requires more adequate financial support than it is receiving at the present time.

Deaconess Mary Elaine Kluge Teaching in the Vacation Bible School, Metropolitan Lutheran Inner Mission, New York City

Fiscal Conference Makes Plans for 1952

By W. C. BIRKNER

ynod's new office building, formally dedicated on Sunday, September 16, ened its doors Monday morning, eptember 17, to welcome the Church's nual Fiscal Conference. One hun-ed sixty churchmen from the clergy d the laity, voting and advisory embers and guests, had assembled r this two-day meeting. Represen-tives from every one of the thirty-o Districts in Canada and in the nited States were in attendance. They d come to help determine how, nder God, the needed financial sup-ort could be obtained and allocated permit the training and sending out missionaries, at home and abroad, continue at an accelerated pace roughout 1952.

Naturally the words "money" and ollar" were heard frequently during l four sessions. You can't have a cal conference without talking about oney as little as you can have a eeting of a building committee with-t reference to brick and lumber. But e background against which the busi-ess affairs of the Church were carried set apart also this Fiscal Confer-nce from an ordinary business eeting. "Undertake thy task with hrist" was the opening hymn as the onference got under way, and "the ve of Christ constraineth us" was e keynote sounded by Synod's ven-rable President, Dr. J. W. Behnken.

Within this framework the Confer-nce went about its task. This con-sted in receiving the considered opin-n of Synod's Board of Directors re-arding the suggested size of the 1952 dget, giving the representatives of e Church's many boards the oppor-nity to make personal statements to e assembly, weighing the tabulated quests against an income of reason-ble expectancy, from which the ele-ent of faith was not excluded, and nally voting the sum of $5,250,000 as e minimum amount our people ould be encouraged to offer the Lord 1952 for the support of His kingdom carried out through the agency of ynod.

"Success Story" would be the cor-ct caption for that part of the Con-rence program which consisted of ports brought to the Church from s far-flung mission fields. "In India e report sixty-six more stations than e previous year." . . . "In Japan the nday school enrollment has doubled, d a growth from thirty-six to sixty-ne Bible classes is noted." . . . "Youth ork in the Philippines is showing fine terest and response." . . . "We now ve in full operation a seminary, secondary and normal school" in frica, and "our baptized members ve increased from 19,570 to 23,237 ithin a year." . . . "We have opened ghty-eight new mission stations in orth America in 1950, and seventy-five stations became self-supporting." . . . "In Mexico City our congregation has been forced to enlarge its first unit to make more room for its growing Sunday school." . . . "In Guatemala eleven lay workers are being used as colporteurs" (a colporteur is one who distributes religious tracts and books) "and lay evangelists." And so on in delightful and encouraging variations.

This expanding work on all fronts, together with our normal rate of increase in established congregations, will reflect itself in a demand for more pastors and teachers in the years to come. The Board for Ministerial Training pointed this out when it presented the needs of our two seminaries, our two normal schools, and our ten preparatory institutions. The cost of maintaining and modernizing Synod's properties has risen sharply during the last few years. This is quite understandable.

The support of our aged pastors, teachers, and their dependents remains a sacred responsibility of our Church. Present-day conditions demand an adjustment of the amounts granted those who have a claim on our generosity.

All this — and much more — was brought to the attention of the Fiscal Conference. After all appeals, which totaled $5,660,000, had been given sympathetic consideration and had been reviewed once again by the Problem Committee of the Fiscal Conference, the recommendation to accept a budget of $5,250,000 for 1952 was readily approved by the voting members of the Fiscal Conference. This is an increase of $500,000 over 1951 and seems to assure that the work that is now under way can be continued and expanded to a degree, even though some of the opportunities to gain new footholds will remain unexplored at this time.

Here is a summarized picture of our Synod's financial program as reflected in the budget for 1952.

A. Missions (Foreign, North and South America, European, Blind, Deaf, Negro)	$1,979,000.00*
B. Higher Education (Ministerial Training)	1,827,000.00
C. Support and Pensions	740,000.00
D. Parish Education	87,000.00
E. Stewardship, Missionary Education, and Promotion	135,000.00
F. Administration	273,805.00
G. Standing Committees	50,000.00
H. Contingent Reserve	158,195.00
Total	$5,250,000.00

* The *Districts* of Synod contributed $1,875,318.36 additional in 1950

A highlight of the Conference was reached during the second afternoon session when Synod's new stewardship film "All That I Have" was previewed. "By all odds the very best thing we have ever done in moving pictures" was the general opinion — and for once there were no dissenters. Be sure to have your congregation book this fast-moving and fascinating film through Synod's Department of Audio-Visual Education.

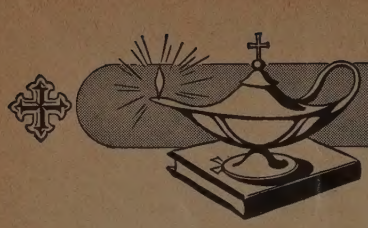
Dr. J. C. Baur, Director of Synod's "Conquest for Christ" effort, gave a summarized report on the Church's Ten Million Dollar Mission Expansion Offering. Our people are now being alerted for this major undertaking, which will culminate in a person-to-person approach among our entire constituency on Laetare Sunday, March 23, 1952.

Prof. L. Wuerffel, Dean of Concordia Seminary, presented a report on Synod's proposed Television Program. It was reassuring to know that our Church is aware of the tremendous potential of this latest invention which carries the spoken word together with pictures into the home.

Pastor Justus Kretzmann, just returned from our mission field in Nigeria, addressed the Conference Tuesday morning. Missionaries Victor Lehenbauer and Elmer Reimnitz, now home on furlough from Brazil, were presented Tuesday afternoon and conveyed greetings and expressions of gratitude to the North American Church.

The Conference was privileged to enjoy the hospitality of Old Trinity Congregation, the Rev. Rud. H. C. Meyer, pastor, on Monday and Tuesday noon when four special busses carried the members of the Conference to Trinity's Parish House, where the Ladies' Aid Society served excellent meals.

Dr. J. W. Behnken brought the Fiscal Conference to a close with a stirring address. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was intoned by the Conference with a ring of assurance and firm trust in God's guidance, which will continue to characterize, please God, our Church's approach to the problems and opportunities of the momentous days in which we are allowed to live. Synod's Vice-President Dr. F. A. Hertwig was Conference chairman; Rev. Arthur H. Werfelmann, President of the Northern Illinois District, acted as chaplain; Dr. A. C. Stellhorn was organist and Rev. W. C. Birkner secretary.



Editorials

The WITNESS Watchword: **"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."—1 Peter 2:9**

Building Roads for Missions

Mr. R. G. Le Tourneau, who manufactures some of the world's largest earth-moving machines, has recently become interested in building roads in Liberia. Norman O. Galyon, editor of *Now,* a paper published semimonthly by Le Tourneau Technical Institute and sent free upon request, found during a recent trip to Liberia that its greatest material problem lies in the lack of roads which would open the country up for development. The same problem also affects the work of Christian missions there. When Mr. Le Tourneau builds roads, he is interested in more than material problems; he thinks in terms of souls and salvation. By far the greater part of the profits in his business goes for Kingdom work. His attitude is faithfully expressed in the closing paragraph of an article in which he pleads for a uniform system of time throughout our nation. Mindful of the value of time, he confesses with his usual Christian joy: "I'm glad my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ took time to leave the heights of Heaven's glory and come down to this sin-cursed world to suffer, bleed, and die for my sins. That's why I take time to go hither and yon around this old world to tell others what the Lord has done for me." Mr. Le Tourneau travels about one quarter million miles a year. From September 2 to 16 of this year he had fifteen speaking engagements in ten different cities.

Roads are important for Christian missions. The ancient builders who constructed the road through the Cilician gates and built the Roman military roads did not anticipate the service these highways would render to the spread of the Gospel. Thus also modern roads, like all modern means of communication, make it possible for Christian missionaries to do those greater works of which the Lord speaks when He says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father" (John 14:12). Our glorified Lord, who has ascended unto the Father, has directed men to invent and to produce those material devices which aid the preaching of salvation in Him. He also guides Mr. Le Tourneau in improving his earth-moving machines and turns his mind to the improvement of roads in Liberia for the feet of those that bring good tidings, that publish peace; that bring good tidings of good, that publish salvation; that say unto Zion, "Thy God reigneth!" (Is. 52:7).

Religion in the Affairs of State?

Under the heading "Heroic Balts Face Deportation," the *Christian Century* (September 5) brings a matter to the attention of its readers which should be of deep concern to every fair-minded and liberty-loving American. It says: "According to the National Lutheran Council, several groups of Baltic refugees who have sought refuge in this country have been ordered by the U. S. immigration and naturalization service to get ready to be deported. America has never received any finer additions to its popu lation than these Balts. Since the end of the war a trickl of them have been coming, showing their courage an determination by crossing from Sweden in little boats whic have been as much as 75 days on the way. About 200 o them are now here, most of them Estonians, with a fe Finns, Latvians, and Poles. More than half have bee paroled to the National Lutheran Council, while privat bills have been introduced in Congress to allow them per manent admission and naturalization. Every loan made ther at the time of their arrival has been repaid; they hav found well-paying jobs in every instance; a good many o them now own their homes. But the bills which woul permit them to stay here and become American citizen have been pigeonholed by the Senate judiciary committe and the immigration service has started deportation pro ceedings against two groups—15 Estonians who arrive in August, 1948, and 69 Estonians who arrived a mont later. This is said to be the beginning of deportation pro ceedings against all the Balts, who made their daring voyage from Sweden because they feared that Russian pressur on that country might force their return to their nativ land. That meant death. Why are these fine people thu threatened? It is the same old story—domination of th Senate judiciary committee by its chairman, Pat McCarra If these Balts were Roman Catholics, like the Basque sheep herders Senator McCarran recently had voted in, ther would be nothing to this. But because they are Protestar Lutherans, McCarran's committee will not lift a finger t help them. The National Lutheran Council is trying t arouse interest in the case on the part of American Lu therans." The *Christian Century* concludes: "It is a matte in which all Americans of generous spirit should b interested."

To keep the record straight, it must be remembere that these refugees did not come to this country unde U. S. immigration restrictions; but they came becaus thousands of their fellow countrymen had been slaughtere by the Russian Communists, whose bloody hands the themselves had escaped by fleeing to Sweden. If they a returned to Sweden, the Communists may still compel th country to surrender them. In any case, their future w not be bright, and it would seem that their courage ar love of America deserve a better fate than deportation fro the land where they hoped to find life and liberty. The was a time when shipwrecked sailors who drifted to sava shores were killed by the natives; of course, the judicia committee by its inactivity isn't suggesting exactly tha

Truman Disappointed at Churches' Attitude

Addressing the first Washington Pilgrimage of Ame ican Churchmen from the pulpit of National City Christi Church, President Truman registered in no uncertain ter his chagrin at having been unable "to bring a number

e great religious leaders of the world together in a com-
on affirmation of faith and a common supplication to the
e God that all profess." In view of the world situation,
e President advocated: "We should lay aside our differ-
ces and come together now — for never have our differ-
ces seemed so petty and insignificant as they do in the
e of the peril we confront today."

We have no doubt that the President was sincere in
s statements. Nevertheless it is apparent that he was try-
g to carry the principles of the politician over into the
ld of church life. The politician can compromise and
eld where it may serve his ends. The churchman, if he
a true disciple of the Master, knows only one truth, and
at is the Word of the Lord. No prophet of God ever
mpromised with untruth. The line of division was kept
ear-cut.

Furthermore, the history of the Church shows that
mpromises for political ends never turned out for the
nefit of the Church. Where false doctrine was given an
ual right along with truth, the former always exerted its
rnicious influence on the entire Church. Appealing as
uman's aim may seem to some, it is neither practical
r in harmony with the Lord's will.

So, instead of scolding the churches on the position
ey have taken, it would have been better for the Presi-
nt to try to understand why they could not do otherwise.

okyo Youth Center a Promising Project

Our readers are already familiar with the great oppor-
nity which has come to our Church to bring the saving
ospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Japan. It is one
the blessings which God in His grace has permitted to
ow out of the evils and horrors of the late war. The
utheran Church — Missouri Synod has not been slow to
ed the Macedonian call from the defeated nation and has
eady now stationed a sizable number of missionaries and
ligious workers in Japan to gather the harvest for Christ.
ut it is a large task and a long-range project. We cannot
pe ever to supply a sufficiently large number of our own
en from America to do this vast job. We need the help of Japanese men and women. In view of this fact it seems clear that the establishment of the Lutheran Youth Center in Tokyo is a step in the right direction and one which indicates laudable foresight. Not only is the Center located within walking distance for more than 50,000 students attending higher schools of learning, but according to Dr. O. H. Schmidt, Executive Secretary of the Board for Foreign Missions, the Center will house a Bible training institute for natives. A year's formal training in religion is regarded as sufficient to yield full-time church workers. In the course of time the institute may further expand its courses to train Japanese ministers and teachers.

If these plans, which look quite practical, succeed, it should be only a matter of a relatively short time until the Lutheran Church of Japan is largely staffed by natives and becomes a church able to stand on its own feet.

Not Orthodox Enough

Ever and again it will happen that people in a church body will be satisfied that the doctrinal basis of their Church is sufficiently well stated in the confessions of the Church, but that the members of their church body are not properly adhering to them. They will be dissatisfied with progress toward correcting real or fancied error in their midst and will draw aside into a fellowship of their own.

That bothers many people. They wonder whether the confessions of the Church are adequate. They wonder whether leaders and people of their Church are pure.

Actually the problem lies somewhere else. There was never a collection of perfect Christians (1 John 1:8ff.). But Christians are to live together in order to help each other overcome their faults, whether in behavior or in doctrine (Gal. 6:1ff.). And when any refuse to carry out that purpose of living together in the church, they actually cause divisions in the church; they deface and spoil the church of God (Rom. 16:17-18).

Instead of consternation about the goings-on of division-makers, let there be stronger application to the task of building up one another in love. That's what we're here for.

"Go Ye," via Radio and Television

By HERMAN H. HOHENSTEIN, D. D.

Director of Station KFUO, St. Louis, and Acting Executive Secretary of the Radio and Television Committee of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

utherans know that October brings the festival of Reformation. But ey are not aware in the same degree at since 1936 October has been the onth of Lutheran Radio and Tele-sion Week. This year October 28 to ovember 3 are the days during which ur Church is again to be alerted to e great possibilities of Radio and levision in the service of the Gospel. eformation Week was chosen for two asons: (1) the purpose of Radio and levision Week is to make known the ntral doctrine of the Bible and the eformation: *"The just shall live by s faith";* (2) Luther saw a mighty Go" in the word *Gospel,* and there-re he believed in using the most modern means available at his time to acquaint the masses with this rediscovered treasure.

Mission Work by Radio

Radio has proved itself an effective missionary means. "The Gospel Voice," in St. Louis, owned and operated by our Synod, sounds forth the saving Word frequently, every day from early morning until late at night, 365 days a year, and not in vain. A woman wrote Station KFUO: "I owe it to Station KFUO that I have been baptized and have become a member of Hope Lutheran Church." There are many similar letters in the files of Station KFUO. The Lutheran Hour and the Family Worship Hour and our pastors who broadcast over their local stations report like results from preaching the Gospel by means of the radio.

When speaking of the radio work of our local pastors in the United States and Canada, mention should be made of a recent Synod-wide radio and television survey conducted by the synodical Radio and Television Committee upon the request of the Special Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Synod to study television and the co-ordination of all radio and television work in Synod. In the first place there was a most unusual response to this survey. Over fifty per cent of the pastors in every District throughout Synod, rural and urban, filled out the questionnaire, thus indicating a tremendous interest in the field of radio and television. In the second place the survey revealed that only fifteen per cent (255 pastors) of the men who returned the questionnaire broadcast frequently. The others

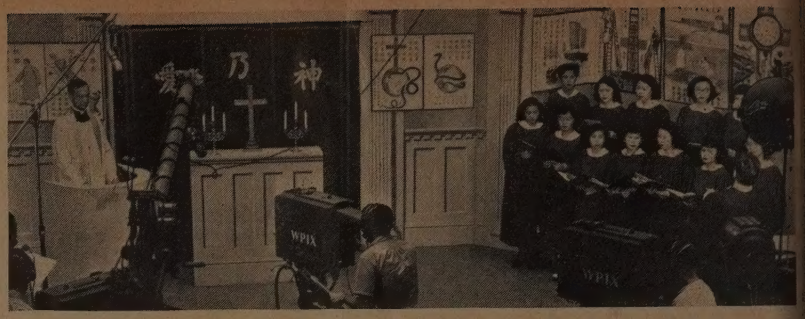
are on the air only occasionally or not at all. Hence there is still much radio-land to be possessed for Christ in North America.

There are bright opportunities also in foreign lands. Missionary W. J. Danker in Japan has this comment: "The possibilities in radio broadcasting in Japan today are limitless. To be truly effective and to function as missionaries to Japan, instead of assigning missionaries to small scattered areas within Japan, we must make a wide use of every possible medium of mass communication, and, in Japan, radio is at the head of the list as a mass medium." A late cablegram brought the news that Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann for the Lutheran Hour has negotiated what is probably the first contract ever made between a Christian program and a Japanese radio station. As a result the 10,000-watt station FOAR will spread abroad the Gospel over a wide area. Contracts with other stations in Japan are pending. No proof is needed that radio is tremendously important in reaching the masses and the multitudes with the everlasting Gospel.

The Place of Television

The same is true of television. "One picture," say the Chinese, "is worth ten thousand words"; and since in television we have both pictures and words, the Church would be missing a golden opportunity if it passed up this latest means of communication. The Missouri Synod does not intend to do so, for it has made available an initial appropriation of $750,000 for a series of twenty-six half-hour weekly religious films of the highest caliber that will be produced by the newly formed Lutheran Television Productions, Inc. That our pastors wish to see Synod use this new tool for the building of Christ's kingdom is evident from the replies to the following question in the above-mentioned questionnaire: "How can the Church better serve you or your members in the field of broadcasting or telecasting?" More than 120 specific pleas were received urging our Church to enter the field of television. A pastor in Michigan wrote: "Get into television on as large a scale as possible and at the earliest opportunity. Unlimited mission opportunities from well-coordinated program."

Opportunities for pastors to arrange for television programs over local stations now, and even more so in the future, are "fields white unto the harvest." Let us heed the divine exhortation: "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Rev. 14:15).



True Light Chinese Lutheran Church of New York Telecasting. The Rev. Louis T. Buchheimer in Pulpit

The Rev. Victor Brugge of Memphis, Tenn., Telecasting

Helpful Material

To assist local pastors in their radio work, the Synodical Radio and Television Committee has been offering them for a number of years at the time of Radio and Television Week a variety of free religious program material, such as brief addresses, dramas, spot announcements, and manuals. The Committee has also offered, at a nominal cost, a set of thirteen quarter-hour religious transcriptions entitled "The Chapel Window" for use over local stations.

This year, for the first time, there are available, free of charge, a few television helps, consisting of a list of suggestions for various types of television programs and a few dos and don'ts for religious programs in general. The great need for such materials became apparent from the radio and television survey to which reference was made above. Much more work should be done for our busy pastors both in the field of radio and television. Many more pastors would get on the air, and many already on the air would use these unexcelled avenues for the furtherance of the Gospel much more frequently, if they could get more assistance.

Action is Needed

Radio and Television Week is close at hand. Now is the time for our churches to make an effort to secure time for the Gospel in sermon and song over the nearest radio or television station. Delay should be avoided because stations usually prepare their schedule of programs far in advance. Our survey showed that many Lutherans are engaged in full-time employment in the radio and television industry. 165 persons (158 men, 7 women) in thirty States are working in about 108 different stations. These persons hold positions as managers, announcers, engineers, production managers, and clerical workers. Through these it may be possible to establish contact with the general manager or the program director of the station. But whether the help of such station employees is available or

the effort should nevertheless by means be made to get time on the The Lord, who hears prayer, may e a pleasant surprise in store.

Now is the Time

Soon!" "Now!" "At Once!" "To-" and similar words should be part he daily speech of every pastor, ner, and layman engaged in this ern type of church work, for "The s business requires haste" (1 Sam.). Why? Christ Himself said, n instructing His disciples regard- some of the signs that would ede His second coming, that "this pel of the Kingdom shall be ched in all the world for a witness all nations; and then shall the come" (Matt. 24:14). The end of world, therefore, will not take place l the Gospel has been preached all nations as a witness of God's to man in providing him a way alvation in His only-begotten Son, s Christ. It does not take a great of imagination, nor does it require a deep knowledge of mathematics, to visualize the number of years it would take to reach all humanity with the Gospel if God Himself in His mercy did not come to the aid of Christ's Church by giving her new means by which she can supplement the old ways and methods at her disposal thus far. The use of these mysterious chariots of the sky, the radio waves, in the proclamation of the Gospel is the farthest-reaching method for the fulfillment of Christ's majestic commission in Mark 16:15 and His prophetic prediction in Matt. 24:14. Let us therefore be up and doing! Let us climb into those chariots which dart through endless space at the unbelievable rate of 187,000 miles a second and utilize them day and night to speed the Gospel on its way and to meet the spiritual needs of a decaying and dying world. "Brethren, the time is short" (1 Cor. 7:29)! Let us therefore trust in God and move forward both in radio and television! Let's heed the stirring call: "Go ye!"

KANSAS RETURNS THANKS

By HOWARD E. MUELLER
Kansas District Public Relations

nen Kansas rivers crept relentlessly o high marks in mid-July, sur- ed only in the legends of the ans, Lutherans across the land, hed by the Spirit of God, rose to n. While the surging waters stood their height, a congregation at tings, Nebr., dispatched a telegram District President Walter H. Meyer ndependence with an offer of help. John W. Behnken, synodical Presi- , issued an appeal to the congrega- s of the Missouri Synod. A con- ation in Illinois raised nearly $600 door collection. A country parish outh Wisconsin contributed $245. erous offerings came from every rter of the nation. Early in Sep- ber the General Relief Board sent 00 to Kansas.

Clothing, boxes, and in some in- ces truckloads of it, was dispatched he stricken area.

Kansas churches responded with f offerings approximating $25,000. As the water and current receded, dents of the Kansas and Marais des nes river valleys returned to an in- ribable scene of sodden, twisted ckage, covered with a thick or thin r of malodorous gray mud. Furni- fell apart at the touch of a hand. er the weight of tons of mud, floors apsed, walls bulged, and plaster Some homes were swept away gether.

ive Lutheran church properties at ng City, Ottawa, Manhattan, To- peka, and Lawrence had stood within the water's path.

While flood-stricken Lutherans turned to the cleanup job with vigor, but in some instances with few resources, a State flood relief committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, went to work. Their first action was to appropriate $5,000 to alleviate the immediate needs of families flooded out. Then followed a painstaking survey of the damage. Headed by the Rev. Richard Raedeke of Alma, the committee included the Rev. Arnold F. Meyer of Topeka, the Rev. Elmer Kroening of Fairview, Mr. Peter Van Es of Topeka, and Mr. David Schulteis of Kansas City.

Their studies revealed 120 seriously affected families, whose home, furniture, and clothing losses alone exceeded a quarter million dollars. Through the generous offerings of Christian love placed at their disposal the committee was able to distribute almost $60,000 in cash aid by mid-September. Average grants amounted to $450. In a few instances individual assistance checks reached $1,000. Almost $11,000 went to affected churches, several of which were giving serious thought to relocation.

To the recipients, however, almost spent with the endless task of reclaiming their homes and belongings from the mud, the help of their fellow Christians was more than money. Delivery of the checks was made just as a second flood threat — in which several communities were alerted, one was evacuated, and one was inundated — eased. Disquieted Christians received their flood assistance checks as messages of hope from their Church and their God. Their faith in the existence of Christian love and sympathy was quickened to a new strength. And, of no small significance, help of the most necessary and concrete kind had come — through their Church!

Offering their thanks, one family wrote: "Words fail us in expressing just how we feel, but we can say that truly God is good; His goodness faileth never! We do not feel that we are worthy of such a gift, but do assure you that we are so grateful and pray that each one who shared in such a

The Rev. G. Hoyer Presenting Check to Mrs. R. C. Lenhart, Widow, a Member of His Congregation

wonderful way may be blessed abundantly."

A pastor wrote: "When we opened our letter, we were amazed to find a check for $500. We are deeply appreciative of the evidence of love on the part of our fellow Lutherans. . . . May the Lord in His grace also give them evidence of His grace upon such gifts."

Many persons echoed the sentiments of one Christian man who said: "We shall never forget that the Church did not forget our hour of need. Once we are able, this money will be returned in the spirit in which it was given."

Speaking for the District, the Rev. Walter Meyer addressed these words to the General Relief Board: "Permit me as President of the Kansas District to express sincere thanks for this consideration and expression of brotherly love. I wish it were possible to write a letter of appreciation from Kansas to every individual whose dollars and cents are a part of this grant. . . . No word can express our feeling better than a very sincere 'Thank you, and thank all donors.' "

The terrible power of raging water has been subdued by the gentle grace of heaven. All Kansas returns thanks.

Kansas Governor Expresses His Thanks

The Rev. Howard E. Mueller, member of the Kansas District Public Relations Department, recently received the letter which appears below.

"I wish I could express my appreciation to your national president, Rev. John W. Behnken, and to the members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, for Rev. Behnken's appeal and the members' generous response for aid to flood-stricken families in Kansas.

"Many Kansans received hard blows in the floods — serious losses which they by themselves could not make up. I know they have been encouraged very much by the kind help which they have received from individuals, organizations, and church groups like your own.

"To know that people are with you in time of stress is a great comfort. The members of the Lutheran Church have translated their sympathy into reality by the rehabilitation grants totaling approximately $58,000, which are being distributed among 110 severely stricken families in the Kansas and Marais des Cygnes river valleys.

"I wish it were possible for me t write each member a note of thanks.

"These gifts in aid are a telling demonstration of the Christian spir in action.

"Sincerely yours,

(Signed) "Edward F. Ar
"Governor"

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The West German government Bonn was criticized by the Evangelica Church and some secular groups fo a lack of interest in the great Evan gelical Church Day Conference i Berlin this summer. A spokesman fo the government replied that the re served attitude of the West Germa government was fully deliberate a in the Church's own interest. He sai that if the government had given th conference the same political aspe and propagandistic emphasis as did th Soviet German regime, it would ha been dangerous for those who had t return after the event to East Germa homes. The best service the goverm ment could do for the Church was t omit everything political from th event.

Dedication of Lutheran Building St. Louis, September 16, 1951

1. Motor cavalcade assembling on Eighth Street before Old Trinity Church.
2. President Behnken unlocking front door, Treasurer Walter Schlueter looking on.
3. Magnificent interior of Board Room and Dedication Day visitors.
4. President John W. Behnken, D. D., at the desk of his private office in the Lutheran Building.

DEATH NOTICE

he Rev. Traugott M. Wangerin, for
y years pastor of Emanuel Lutheran
gregation for the Deaf at Milwaukee,
, died on September 9 and was buried
September 12. B. A. MAURER

MUSIC

Reviewed by Walter E. Buszin

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H. W. Gray Co., we call attention to
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Ordained and Commissioned:

Bretscher, Carl, Luther Memorial, Richmond Heights, Mo., as missionary to Guatemala by Dr. H. A. Mayer, Aug. 26.
Heckmann, Robert G., Calvary, San Lorenzo, Calif., as missionary in California-Nevada District, by W. A. Thiele, Sept. 2.
Merkens, Guido, St. Paul, San Antonio, Tex., as missionary in San Antonio, Tex., by Pres. R. Wiederaenders, Sept. 9.
Roehrs, Luther, Trinity, Corpus Christi, Tex., as missionary in Corpus Christi, Tex., by T. H. Graalmann, Sept. 9.

Ordained and Installed:

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Larson, Clifford, St. Peter, Barnes, Kans., by Geo. Lehenbauer, Sept. 9.
Lohrmann, Enno K., Pilgrim, Washington, D. C., by Pres. Rudolph S. Ressmeyer, Sept. 9.
Meyer, Virgil F., Zion, Sagerton, Tex., by H. F. Meyer, Sept. 2.
Otto, Edgar J., Jr., Christ, Pequot Lakes; Grace, Stony Brook, Minn., by Edgar J. Otto, Sr., Sept. 9.
Reimann, Henry W., Calvary, Charleston, S. C., by John F. Nau, Aug. 12.
Streufert, Carl A., Our Savior, Raleigh, N. C., by Leslie F. Frerking, Aug. 12.
Teuscher, Richard, St. Peter, Sawyer, N. Dak., by E. H. Bohrer, Sept. 16.
Zanow, Werner J., Grace, near Churchbridge; Peace, near Churchbridge; Trinity, Churchbridge, Sask., Can., by J. H. Meichsner, Sept. 2.

Inducted:

Langefeld, Wilfred C., Concordia High School, Seward, Nebr., by A. O. Fuerbringer, Sept. 9.

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Choitz, John F., Professor Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., by Erwin L. Paul, Sept. 13.
Dick, Herbert A., St. John, College Point, N. Y., by Walter E. Schwolert, Sept. 9.
Dohrmann, C. E., Trinity, Hawthorne, N. Y., by Adolph Meyer, Aug 12.
Ebeling, Henry C., Good Shepherd, Laurelton, N. Y., by Henry W. Kratzke, Sept. 6.
Eggold, Henry J., Jr., Professor Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., by Pres. E. F. Tonn, Sept. 9.
Fisher, George, First, El Monte, Calif., by G. C. Schramm, Sept. 9.
Glock, Albert E., Christ, Normal, Ill., by E. Glock, Sept. 16.
Hinrichs, Otto F., St. Paul, Truman, Minn., by E. T. Heyne, Sr., Sept. 9.
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Lewis, A. T., Hope, Tonasket, Wash., by H. A. Kriefall, Sept. 9.
Rittmann, Lynn, Ascension, North Olmstead, Ohio, by O. T. McRee, Sept. 2.
Scharrer, John, Redeemer, St. Thomas, Ont.; Grace, Lorne, Ont., Can., by F. W. Hyatt, Sept. 9.
Schneider, Delwin B., St. Paul, Oak Lawn; Nazareth, Chicago, Ill., by Herbert Kohn, Sept. 9.
Schuette, Carl J., Unity, Cleveland, Ohio, by W. W. Walker, Sept. 9.
Schwab, A. G., St. Paul, Halliday; St. James, Golden Valley, N. Dak., by Fred Riedel, Sept. 16.
Steffen, Carl, First, Dinuba, Calif., by Theo. E. Hoelter, Sept. 9.
Stoehr, Adelbert, St. John, Meade, Kans., by G. Hattendorf, Sept. 9.
Volmer, A. F., Our Savior, Fresno, Calif., by Theo. E. Hoelter, Sept. 16.
Voss, Hans, Trinity, Morristown, N. J., by John R. Weber, Sept. 16.
Wessler, William, Trinity, Gary, Ind., by G. H. Naumann, Aug. 5.
Wirth, P. J., Zion, Chicago, Ill., by W. Roth, Sept. 9.
Wolbrecht, Walter F., President St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., by Pres. T. A. Weinhold, Sept. 5.

Commissioned:

Braun, Elmer W., missionary in Dayton, Ohio, by E. S. Husmann, Sept. 16.
Strieter, Theo. W., Our Savior, Chicago, Ill., as missionary in Venezuela by E. V. Haserodt, Sept. 9.

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Cornerstone Laying

Bertha, Minn. St. Paul, church, Aug. 5.
Center Line, Mich. Trinity, church, Sept. 9.
Rapidan, Minn. St. John, church, July 1.

Dedications

Kalispell, Mont. Trinity, church, Aug. 26.
Hanover, Kans. Trinity, school, Sept. 2.
Seymour, Ind. St. John, school, Sept. 2.
Tomball, Tex. Salem, renovated church, Sept. 9.

Anniversaries

Campbell Hill, Ill. Immanuel, the 75th, Aug. 5.
Flint, Mich. Redeemer, the 25th, Sept. 30.

Nominations

For the Chair of Exegesis at Seminario Concordia, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Rev. Hans Rottmann: St. Paul, Novo Hamburgo; St. Peter, Santa Clara; St. Paul, Arroio do Meio; St. Paulo, Jaguari; Peace, Campo Bom; Zion, Santo Angelo; St. John, Tres Leguas; Redeemer, Carasinho; Immanuel, Ijui; St. Paul, Toropi; St. Peter, Guassopi; St. Paul, Capão Bonito; Zion, Ajuricaba; Redeemer, Ijui, Linha 11; Holy Trinity, Moreira; St. Matthew, Nortonville, Kans.
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Rev. Martin Helmer: Immanuel, Beatrice, Nebr.
Rev. Leonidas Krey: Ev.-Luth. Congregation of Penha, Rio de Janeiro.
Rev. Elmer Reimnitz: Trinity, Winfield, Kans.
Dr. Walter Kunstmann: Congregation in Costa do Arroio Grande and Christ from Manchinha, Tres de Maio.
Rev. Louis Kaminski: Immanuel, Flor de Maio.
Rev. August Heine: Congregation in São José do Umbú.
Rev. Alfred Meyer: Peace Church in Rio de Janeiro.

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Rev. Martin Flor: St. John's Church, Tres Leguas.
Prof. Leonidas Krey: Christ Church, Niteroi; St. Paul, Canoas.
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Rev. Arno Gueths: Immanuel Church, Ijui.
Rev. Emil Schmidt: Congregation in Costa do Arroio Grande; St. Paul, Capão Bonito.
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Additional Nominations

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Rev. Edwin J. Fritze: First Lutheran, Marysville, Calif.
Rev. Arthur C. Keck: Trinity, Brawley, Calif.
Rev. Herbert Lindemann: St. Paul's, Ashland, Oreg.
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Dr. Clarence Peters: St. Michael's, Portland, Oreg.
Rev. Sam Roth: St. John's, Petaluma, Calif.
Prof. Oscar Walle: Trinity, Milwaukee, Wis.
Rev. Lorenz Weber: Mount Calvary, Detroit, Mich.

Information concerning the qualifications of the above-named candidates before November 1, 1951, will be appreciated. — EDWIN MEESE, JR., *Secretary*, Board of Control, 4444 Edgewood Ave., Oakland 2, Calif.

Official Announcement

The Board for Parish Education at its meeting on September 24 called the Rev. Theodore W. Schroeder of Brentwood, Mo., to the position of Assistant in the Department of Adult Education. — ARTHUR L. MILLER, *Executive Secretary.*

Official Notice

The Rev. Robert Badke, formerly a member of the Breslau Synod, has received his release from that body and accepted a call as pastor of the new German Mission of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in Edmonton, Alberta, and is now a member of the Alberta-British Columbia District. — C. F. BAASE, *President*, Alberta-British Columbia District.

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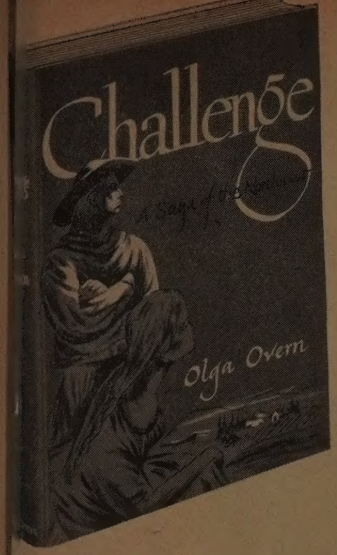

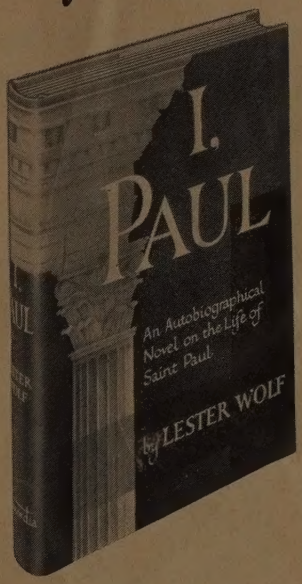

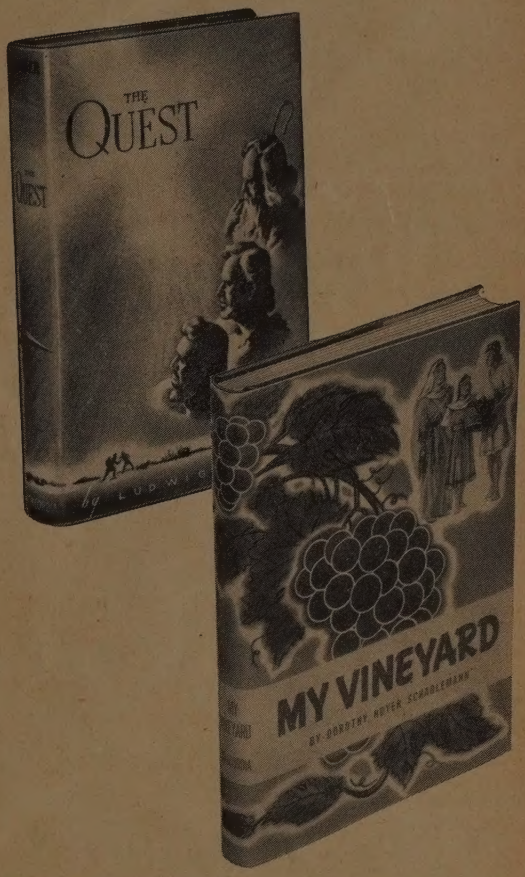

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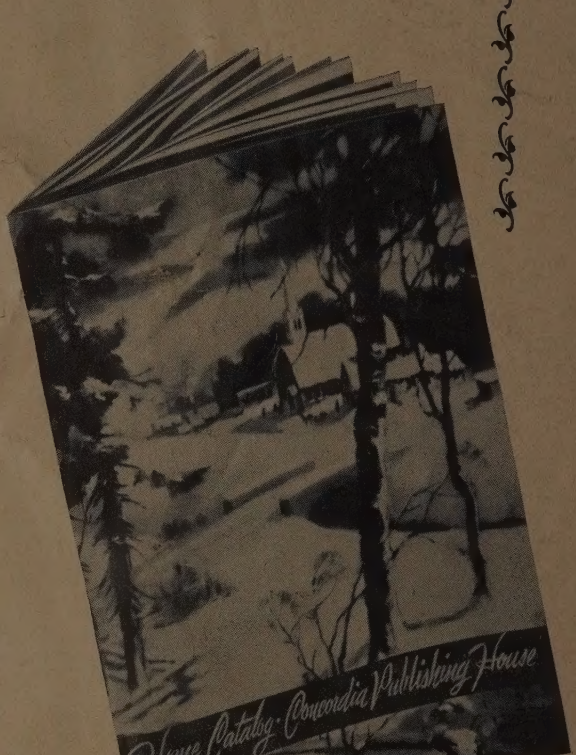

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